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## **DETAILED ACTION**

### ***Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114***

1. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on 10/11/06 has been entered.
2. Newly submitted claims 15-19 are directed to an invention that is independent or distinct from the invention originally claimed for the following reasons: Claims 15-19 (Invention II) are directed to a method of producing an aromatic liquid-crystalline polyester film comprising a step of reacting 1,4-naphthalenedicarboxylic acid with acylated substances of p-hydroxybenzoic acid and hydroquinone in the presence of an imidazole compound in the amount of 100 to 1000ppm, while the originally claimed invention was directed to an aromatic liquid-crystalline polyester film comprising an aromatic liquid-crystalline polyester comprising structural units (I), (II) and (III.) Hence, Group II is a method of making a specific type of the polyester broadly claimed previously in Invention I (Claims 1,2,5,7-14). Considering Inventions I and II are related as process of making and product made, and the product as claimed in Invention II can be made by a materially different process as evident by Stack et al and supported by Applicant's current remarks, restriction is proper.
3. Since applicant has received an action on the merits for the originally presented invention, this invention has been constructively elected by original presentation for prosecution

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on the merits. Accordingly, claims 15-19 have been withdrawn from consideration as being directed to a non-elected invention. See 37 CFR 1.142(b) and MPEP § 821.03.

4. The amendment filed on 10/11/06 canceling all claims drawn to the elected invention and presenting only claims drawn to a non-elected invention is non-responsive (MPEP § 821.03).

The remaining claims are not readable on the elected invention for the reasons recited above.

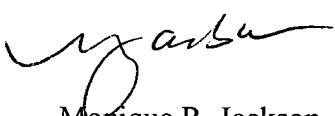
Since the above-mentioned amendment appears to be a *bona fide* attempt to reply, applicant is given a TIME PERIOD of ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS, whichever is longer, from the mailing date of this notice within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) ARE AVAILABLE.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Monique R. Jackson whose telephone number is 571-272-1508. The examiner can normally be reached on Mondays-Thursdays, 8:00AM-4:30PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Carol Chaney can be reached on 571-272-1284. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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